

PUBLIC LEDGER



SIXTH YEAR.

MAYSVILLE, KY., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1897.

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CIRCULATION
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Purely Business!

The columns of a newspaper represent a cash value. No publisher can afford to give advertising "notions" free any more than a merchant can afford to give his counter free gifts of dry goods or shoes. A newspaper, as a legitimate business concern, its columns are its stock in trade, and advertisements should be paid for, no matter in what part of the paper they appear.

The continued calls

upon THE LEDGER for free notices have become so burdensome that we are forced to publish the following terms:

For Notices of Marriages, announcements, funerals or other public entertainments where a fee is charged, and for all other notices, including the usual "Notice of Birth," THE LEDGER will charge FIVE CENTS A LINE, and hereafter this will be the reasonable rate. This, however, does not include

notices of Lodge meetings or Church services, which must not exceed ten lines.

Avoidance of Disputes.

Misunderstandings are unpleasant. The rate for Business Notices in THE LEDGER is 10 cents a line for the first insertion and 5 cents a line for subsequent insertions. A customer orders a five-line notice, and the publisher says "I'll tell you when to take it out." He says to the bookkeeper, "But he forgets all about it. The notice runs for two months—what time is it?" He says, "When he finds it out there is a 'bug' and a controversy—followed probably by an angry feeling. Now, to obviate this trouble, let the publisher's notice still be accepted hereafter. Let's have a definite agreement as to the date and the termination will be pleasant to all concerned."

For all matter for publication must be handed in before 9 o'clock in the morning of each day.

HERE AND THERE

If you have friends visiting you, or if you are going away on a visit, please drop a note to that effect.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Harbour are visiting at Danville.

Messrs. Will Traxler and Will Bartlett are visiting at Augusta.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Walton of Augusta are visiting friends here.

Miss Sallie Ball visited Miss Shockey Winter at Augusta last week.

Miss Marie Cahill is visiting her parents at Augusta this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Harbour were at the Grand Hotel, Cincinnati, Wednesday.

Collector Wallace Shelby returned to Lexington yesterday after spending several days here.

Mrs. Sallie McD. Humphreys was the pleasant guest of Miss Mary Foreman at Washington Thursday.

Miss Lydia Bridges one of Mayfield's most charming young ladies is visiting relatives at Cowan Station.

Colonel and Mrs. W. A. Rue Thomas left Danville yesterday for Washington City, which will be Mr. Thomas's headquarters for some months.

Colonel James W. Chambers of the Telephone Company returned yesterday from Warsaw, where he had been in attendance on the last illness and the funeral of his brother, Postmaster Chambers.

The Messrs. Robinson of Burlington, Iowa, who are expected shortly to visit friends in the city and county, are now visiting at Hopkinsville. Their ancestors were Kentucky people and they have many relatives living in the state.

If you have an item of news, please call on THE LEDGER, Telephone 33, and send it in.

Fire Insurance—John C. Everett.

DIED AT DOVER.

Squire C. J. Fox, one of the Oldest Citizens, Unexpectingly Called.

Special to Public Ledger.

Squire Charles James Fox of Dover dropped dead while standing before the fire at 8 o'clock this morning, aged, 70.

He had been complaining for a few days with grip, but was able to go out yesterday.

His death is attributed to heart disease.

Mr. Fox leaves a widow—formerly Miss Nelson of the Washington neighborhood—and three sons and one daughter, Messrs. Hall, L. T. and Arthur Fox, and Miss Jennie Fox.

The funeral will occur tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence in Dover.

Burial at Locust Grove Cemetery.



MAYSVILLE WEATHER

What We May Expect for the Next Twenty-four Hours.

THE LEDGER'S WEATHER BUREAU.

WIND—stronger—fair.

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MISINFORMED!

Recent Stories of the Celebrated Desha-Baker Murder.

SOME NEEDED CORRECTIONS.

The Governor's Unfortunate Son Died in Texas Years Ago.

BAKER'S TOMB AT SHANNON

Every once in a while some newspaper bobs up with a new story about the Desha-Baker murder, which was committed on the farm of the late William Forman of this county, and just in the office of Fleming county, in November, 1884.

A few days ago a writer in The Winchester Democrat had to say: "Seventy years ago Isaac Desha, whose father was the Governor of Kentucky, killed a traveler, James Baker, and robbed him of \$700. He was arrested and lodged in jail. The evidence was overwhelming, and the only hope was Executive clemency. Much pressure was brought to bear on his father, Governor Desha, for pardon, but the old Governor said he would let the law take its course. Young Desha was tried, convicted, and during some of the legal technicalities growing out of the case he was placed in the Cythian Jail for safe keeping. While there he tried to commit suicide—nearly succeeded—by cutting a great gash in his throat. Public sympathy was aroused, and at last his father pardoned him just before the former's term as Governor expired. The Governor did not resign, as is generally supposed, but served till the end of his term. After the young man was pardoned he lived a wandering life for some time. The brand of Cain was upon his brow, and he lived a miserable life. Finally he was reported dead, and was gradually forgotten. Some time in the early 30's G. W. Crawford of Glasgow county took a boatload loaded with produce to New Orleans, as was customary in those days. Each night he would land his boat, and only traveled by night. He slept in a portion of the boat remote from the other hands, and one night, while tied up to the bank near Vicksburg, a man entered his cabin and awoke him, threatening to kill him if he made a noise. Crawford knew Desha well, and when the latter made himself known recognized him at once. Desha told Crawford that he could not live in Kentucky, but had changed his name and was going to change his life; that he was going to some distant island and live as a Christian man should. He refused to tell Crawford the name he had assumed or his intended retreat. At Crawford's invitation he remained on the boat until it reached New Orleans, when he left and was probably never seen again by any of his acquaintances. Crawford asked me at the time not to mention those things, and probably told no one else, as everybody thought Desha was dead, and Crawford thought it unwise to remove his impression.

"Until the late Minister Willis discovered his progeny in Honolulu nothing had been heard of this Kentucky boy, who, with all the advantages of good blood, education and influential connection, was a murderer and a wanderer, and who died an exile from home by his own actions."

[The writer shows in error as to Mr. Baker's name—it was Francis, instead of James—Ed. LEX.]

Following the death of the late Hon. Albert S. Willis, United States Minister to Hawaii, The Louisville Times published this:

"In that far-away group of islands—the Hawaiian group—is a family of people closely related to one of the oldest and most aristocratic families in Kentucky. The existence of this family has only been hinted at, but with the home coming of the family of the late Minister Albert S. Willis, who saw and conversed with them, the facts were brought to light. The story recalls the famous Desha murder and subsequent disappearance of Governor Desha's son, which is known to nearly every resident of the Bluegrass section, as well as to most people in Kentucky. The developments also prove that old adage about 'blood will tell.' "In the dispatches printed in the newspapers some time prior to Minister Willis's death it was mentioned that Minister Willis had seen and conversed with the descendants of the late Governor Desha of Kentucky. It was stated in the dispatches that Governor Desha's long lost son had been located in the Hawaiian Islands—that is, that his son had been found, but that Governor Desha's son was dead.

"The story of the famous Desha murder will be easily remembered. It occurred while Desha was Governor of this state. His son killed a man, and he was pardoned by his father. The son, as will also be remembered, disappeared immediately, and all trace of him was lost until several months ago.

"The facts in the case are as follows: When the Governor's son left here he went to Honolulu. He did not locate there, however, but went to another island, where he married a native woman. As the result of this union a child was born, a boy. This was thirty-five years ago. This son was well educated at Honolulu and became a Minister of the Gospel, graduating at a theological seminary at Honolulu with high honors. He married soon after he graduated, and is now the father of two children, both boys, who are attending the same theological seminary where their father graduated. The father is a Congregational Minister. He is said to be one of the most brilliant as well as one of the best educated men in the group of islands.

"About a year ago Dr. Talmage paid a visit to Honolulu and preached to a great crowd of people. In the throng were many who understood both English and the native tongue perfectly. Nearly all the English speaking people of the group of islands were present to hear the great evangelist. Dr. Talmage tried himself, and the Americans who had heard him before said it was one of his greatest efforts.

"However, many were in the crowd who could not understand English, and these prevailed upon the Rev. Desha to interpret Dr. Talmage's sermon. He arose and translated the sermon almost word for word in the Hawaiian tongue, and the Americans who heard him and who understood both languages declared that in every way surpassed the sermon as delivered by the noted American Preacher.

"It is said that the Rev. Desha does not know that he has relatives living in Kentucky, or that his father ever lived in this state."

All this reads very well; but it is a pretty well authenticated fact from those who use the grade at the Sixth Ward landing.

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M. C. Hutchinson, one-story frame building, Third street, Sixth Ward.
John H. Hays, one-story frame addition to brick store, Second street, Sixth Ward.

The delinquent tax list of the city is now in my hands for collection. Those indebted are kindly requested to call and settle, and avoid additional cost or sale of property.

D. P. Orr,
Chief of Police.

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MAYSVILLE'S GUARDIANS!

A MOST ENTERTAINING SESSION LAST EVENING.

The Reports From Officers—Batch of New Ordinances—A Short Session—Other Minor Matters.

Council met in regular session Thursday evening, Mayor Orr in the chair.

The report of the Police Judge was as follows:

Paid Chief of Police.....\$ 10 00
Paid..... 62 00
Working out..... 1 00
Worked out..... 44 00

Total fines assessed.....\$117 00

The Chief of Police's report was as follows:

Fines paid.....\$ 10 00
Old bonds collected..... 24 00
Interest on old bonds..... 3 92
Gas and electricity..... 1 00
Fines worked out..... 44 00
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Fines reported..... 62 00

Total.....\$144 92

The Chief reported also \$114 99 delinquent taxes collected, his commission being \$47 25.

The Wharfmaster reported collections for the year \$74 12.

The report of the City Treasurer totals as below:

Balance.....\$ 509 44
Receipts..... 8,174 47
Total.....\$ 8,683 91
Expenditures..... 6,647 81
Balance on hand.....\$ 2,036 10

The report of the Claims and Accounts Committee was as follows:

Alms and Alms-house.....\$ 438 58
Internal improvements..... 247 30
Station-house..... 140 70
Gas and electricity..... 423 25
Miscellaneous..... 29 75

Total.....\$1,289 58

The Internal Improvement Committee reported that the weather was of such a character that the committee could do nothing, and asked that further time be granted, but the Chairman of that committee was instructed to make some temporary repairs to Prospect street.

The Clerk was instructed to call the Wharfmaster's attention to the fact that he should collect wharfage from those who use the grade at the Sixth Ward landing.

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Pearce & Foster, to remove the old ice factory plant from Wall and Third streets, Second Ward, to Union and Third streets, Fifth Ward.

John McKinnear, stable, South at East Third street, Sixth Ward.

P. M. McCarthy, one-room addition to residence at Second street, Sixth Ward.

John Sapp, two-room addition to residence on West Second street, First Ward.

A proposition from Captains J. Hamilton and R. V. Dryden, to do the hauling for the city, furnish a man and cart for \$1 75 per day, was read and referred to the Internal Improvement Committee.

Pearce & Foster asked permission to place a switch from the C. and O. Railroad into their premises at Third and Union streets, Fifth Ward, which was referred to the Internal Improvement Committee with power to act.

Mrs. Ann Harding asked aid, and was referred to the Alms Committee.

The delinquent tax list was continued in the hands of Chief Orr, with extra power for the collection of same.

Mr. W. H. Frederick is making some additions and improvements to the property belonging to the Messrs. Cochran on West Second below Wall.

Dr. Hillyear, father of the late Charles Hillyear of this city, died at his home in Petersburg, Md., Tuesday, January 26th, after a week's illness with pneumonia.

A Mission Aid Society has been organized at Aberdeen with A. N. Sapp, President, George Mutchelknecht Vice-President, Irene Campbell Secretary and Mattie Sapp Treasurer.

Special For Saturday.

1 Dozen Bananas.....\$ 10
2 Dozen Lemons..... 25
1 Dozen Oranges..... 25
1 quart Cranberries..... 5

R. B. Lovelace.

State Commissioner of Agriculture Moore awarded the bid for supply feed for the Agricultural Department to David Landreth & Sons, Philadelphia. Cheweth, the Druggist, has the sole agency of this feed for Mason county.

George M. Diner will tomorrow open his handsome New Saloon at 203 Market street. The Restaurant will be continued in connection with the Saloon, and those who want anything good to eat or drink will find this the most place in town.

Miss Sue Berry, whose serious illness had been mentioned in THE LEDGER, died at the family home, 215 West Second street, shortly before 11 o'clock last night. She was a sister of Mrs. T. K. Berry, and one of the kindest ladies in our city. Her friends were numbered by scores, and great sorrow is expressed at her death. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, services to be conducted by Rev. S. D. Dutcher of the Christian Church, Rural private.

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